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SPANNING TREE CONFIGURATION NODE, AND SPANNING TREE
CONFIGURATION PROGRAM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants respectfully bring the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. These references were cited by the Examiner in Divisional Application No. 12/073,331, in an Office Action dated March 5, 2010, and thus copies are not provided in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which Applicants are aware.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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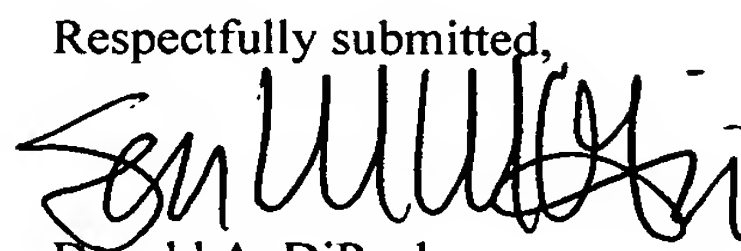
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